CLAIMS

<u>WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:</u>

1   1.   A method of determining style characteristics from
2 scanned data, the method comprising:

3   identifying characters within the scanned data;

4   comparing the characters to a style library containing
5 templates of each style characteristic to determine the style
6 characteristics for each character; and

7   saving the scanned data as processed data containing style
8 characteristics of the scanned data.

1   2.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising preparing an
2 information sheet containing the style characteristics of the
3 scanned data and printing the information sheet.

1   3.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising setting the
2 style characteristics in a format such that the processed data
3 containing the style characteristics is readable by a word
4 processing program.

1   4.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the comparison of the
2 characters to a style library includes templates for font size,
3 font, font style, effects, or paragraph structure.

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1   5.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the comparison of the
2   characters to a style library containing templates is performed
3   in the style characteristic order of font size, font, and font
4   style.

1   6.   A computer system for processing scanned data, the
2   computer system comprising:

3   a processor;

4   a memory, coupled to the processor, storing instructions
5   that are executed by the processor to perform a method of
6   processing the scanned data, the method comprising:

7   identifying characters within the scanned data;

8   comparing the characters to templates of each style
9   characteristic to determine style characteristics for each
10   character; and

11   saving in the memory the scanned data as processed data
12   containing the style characteristics of the scanned data.

1   7.   The computer system of Claim 6, further comprising a
2   scanner coupled to the processor and adapted to provide the
3   scanned data.

1   8.   The computer system of Claim 6, further comprising a
2   printer coupled to the processor, and wherein the method further
3   comprises preparing an information sheet containing the style
4   characteristics of the scanned data, which is printable by the
5   printer.

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1   9.   The computer system of Claim 6, wherein the method
2 further comprises setting the style characteristics in a format
3 such that the processed data containing the style
4 characteristics is readable by a word processing program.

1   10.   The computer system of Claim 6, wherein the method for
2 comparing the characters to templates of each style
3 characteristic is performed in the style characteristic order of
4 font size, font, and font style.

1   11.   A machine-readable medium for use in a computer system
2 having a processor for processing scanned data, the medium
3 having instructions that are executed by the processor to
4 perform a method of processing the scanned data, the method
5 comprising:

6   identifying characters within the scanned data;

7   comparing the characters to templates of each style
8 characteristic to determine style characteristics for each
9 character; and

10   saving the scanned data as processed data containing the
11 style characteristics of the scanned data.

1   12.   The machine-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein the
2 method further comprises preparing an information sheet
3 containing the style characteristics of the scanned data.

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1   13.   The machine-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein the

2   method further comprises setting the style characteristics in a

3   format such that the processed data containing the style

4   characteristics is readable by a word processing program.

1   14.   The machine-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein the

2   method further comprises comparing the templates in the style

3   characteristic order of font size, font, and font style.